

Sierra Streams Awarded \$187K in Grants

Nevada City-based watershed science group Sierra Streams Institute has been awarded two fire-safe planning and restoration grants for a total of \$187,932 from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. The awards were authorized at the Sierra Nevada Conservancy board meeting Sept. 6.

Funding for the grants comes from Proposition 84: The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. In one of the two funded projects, Sierra Streams Institute is teaming up with Nevada City and Bear Yuba Land Trust to develop a brush and ladder fuels reduction plan for the city-owned 85-acre property.

Opinion

Sierra Nevada Geotourism Map a Boost to Nevada County

Geotourism: "Tourism that sustains or enhances the place — its environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage and the well-being of its residents." One of the many enjoyable projects I was involved with as the director of the Nevada County Conference & Visitors Bureau for two-and-one-half years was being on the Sierra Nevada Geotourism council.

I felt this was important to our area, and it turned out to be very educational and fun. This geotourism is produced by National Geographic and sponsored in this region by the Sierra Business Council and Sierra Nevada Conservancy. ...